**REMARKS** 

This is an Amendment after Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312.

On November 12, 2004, a Notice of Allowance was mailed for the above-captioned patent

application. The specification has been amended in order to correct a typographical error therein.

It is the Applicants' position that the amendments are mere corrections of a formal matter

without changing the scope of the allowed claims.

Furthermore, it is the Applicants' position that such amendments: (1) are needed for proper

disclosure or protection of the Applicants' invention; and (2) require no substantial amount of

additional work on the part of the Patent Office.

If for any reason, the Examiner has any questions, it is respectfully requested that the

Examiner contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone

number to arrange for a telephone conference in order to help expedite the disposition of this

application.

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In the event this paper is not timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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